PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Information relating to number of posts lying vacant in various Ministries/PS Us is not centrally maintained. Recruitment is a continuous process and it is possible that a number of posts including those reserved for tribals remain vacant at a particular time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Any candidate including a tribal candidate cannot be appointed to a post if he does not fulfil the conditions prescribed in the Recruitment Rules for the concerned post. Some posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes may remain vacant because suitable Scheduled Tribe candidates are not available for such posts.

Punishment to Corrupt Official

2699. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 13th June, 2001 under the caption "4,000 corrupt officials yet to be punished CVC";

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The news item captioned "4,000 corrupt officials yet to be punished: CVC" appearing in the Indian Express in its edition dated 9th June, 2001 related to the implementation of the advices given by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). According to the information furnished by the CVC, a total number of 4347 cases were pending with various-Ministries/Departments/ Public Sector Undertakings and Banks for implementation of the advice of the Commission, as on 7.6.2001.

(b) and (c) It is the responsibility of the concerned administrative Ministries/ Departments to ensure the implementation of the advice of the CVC within the timeframe prescribed for the purpose. Government has issued instructions for a monthly review by the Secretaries of the concerned Departments of all pending disciplinary cases in the Ministry/Department and communicating the results of such review every month to the Department of Personnel & Training for monitoring.

Assessment on Employment Generation

2700. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the employment generation particularly in the industrial and rural sectors in the country as against the last three years, year-wise; projections made by the Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

<c) what are the reasons for not achieving the projected targets of employment generation in these sectors; and

(d) what strategy is contemplated by the Government to remove the impediments in employment generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Projections for, and assessment of employment generation are not made on an annual basis. Projections of employment are made for the five-year period of a Plan. These are for the entire country, and not by area—rural or urban.

(b)As per the latest survey of NSSO, which pertains to 1999-2000. the realized growth of employment from 1993-94 to 1999-2000 was 2.05% per annum in the manufacturing sectoi, and 0.51% per annum in the rural areas.

(c)The Ninth Plan projection for employment growth in the manufacturing sector was 2.05% per annum for the period 1997—2002. The realized growth rate during the period 1993/ 94— 1999/2G00 is also 2.05%.

(d)The objectives of employment generation are sought to be achieved by promoting higher overall growth in the economy with larger contribution coming from labour intensive sectors like small scale industry, food processing, services, information technology, and other newly emerging labour intensive activities.

Division of Poor and Very Poor

† 2701. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have categorized the poor and the very poor in the country in two separate groups;

(b) if so, the basis and definition fixed for identification of the poor and the very poor; and

(c) the assessment of the number of persons in each of the above categories in each State in the country during the nineties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Planning Commission has adopted per capita consumption expenditure as

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.